

## **Branksome Hall Asia, Korea's Only IB International School for Girls, ask students to stand in someone else's shoe on 'Empathy Day'**

- A shoe swapping experience for girls to learn to think of others held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Helping to foster a balance of intelligence and character within individuals
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[Branksome Hall Asia 'Empathy Day' Event / Photo courtesy of Branksome Hall Asia]

Branksome Hall Asia, Korea's only IB international school for girls, held an 'Empathy Day' event centered around empathy and compassion for the students on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

'Empathy Day' was a day for students to swap a shoe with their classmates, giving them an opportunity to understand one another. All Branksome Hall Asia students participated in this event, which became a milestone towards better understanding and becoming more considerate towards others by both literally and figuratively wearing another's shoe for a day.

In addition to high academic achievements, students are offered a variety of challenges and experiences including special activities such as this. Branksome Hall Asia aims to nurture students to be future leaders by providing them with a balance of rigorous academics and activities to build character and a sense of global mindedness around the creed of 'leading with care and compassion' even in a competitive environment. This outlook is further reinforced by the motto designed by the school prefect team 'I shine when you shine', which means that success comes through collaboration rather than competition. The school's outstanding university acceptances to the world's top 100 universities is testament to the success of this philosophy.

One of the students who participated in the event said, "Literally swapping a shoe with a classmate allowed me to be in my friend's shoes and become closer to each other."

"Branksome Hall Asia's education system aims to break free from Korea's over competitive educational environment by constantly reminding students to collaborate so that we all shine together. This is achieved as a result of the school's high support system and focus on building a culture of care. Shoe Swapping Event to celebrate 'Empathy Day' is just one of the many examples that show how we work to foster compassion and consideration among students and



create a balance of intelligence and character within students.” Said the Principal of Branksome Hall Asia, Dr. Cinde Lock. “We will continue helping our students grow into women who uphold the principles of ‘leading with care and compassion’.”

Meanwhile, Branksome Hall Asia will be holding admissions events in Busan and Seoul respectively on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The admissions event will be held at Park Hyatt Busan on the 14<sup>th</sup> and InterContinental Seoul COEX on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Further information is available in the ‘Admissions’ section of the school’s website ([www.branksome.asia/admissions](http://www.branksome.asia/admissions)).

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#### **About Branksome Hall Asia -**

With state-of-the-art facilities located on the UNESCO Natural Heritage Site of Jeju Island, Branksome Hall Asia was founded in 2012 as the nation’s only international school for girls. As the sister school of one of Canada’s most prestigious boarding schools with a history of 115 years, Branksome Hall Asia has inherited the goals, visions and traditions of its namesake.

Under the goal of 'Empowering Women' along with the prestigious IB education curriculum, Branksome Hall Asia provides the best in education both inside and outside of the classroom with strong counseling programs to ensure that its students grow to become global leaders of tomorrow.

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